

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the English language specification, after the Title, insert the following paragraph:

This application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International application No. PCT/EP2004/010753, filed September 24, 2004, which claims the benefit of German Application No. 103 44 619.2, filed September 25, 2003, the priorities of both of which are hereby claimed. The International Application is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, and was published in German as International Publication No. WO 2005/032218 on April 7, 2005.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 to read as follows:

The activation of individual lamp-operating devices is effected by way of an address that is individually allocated to them and by way of which they can be addressed by the central control unit. In this connection, so-called operating addresses, which take into consideration the arrangement of the light sources in the different areas, are preferably assigned to the lamp-operating devices. As a result, the possibility exists of also additionally combining the light sources, which are arranged in various areas, into groups that can be addressed jointly by the central control unit. The allocation of the operating addresses is then effected during the start-up of the system when it is established which lamp-operating device is located at which word location and the operating addresses can

then be given out accordingly. A corresponding method for this is known, for example, from EP 0 433 527 A1.

Please amend the first paragraph of page 14 to read as follows:

A further important feature of the emergency light lamp-operating device 20 is, moreover, a battery [[23]] 23a which is charged during normal operation by way of the general current supply 3 and whose energy is used to operate the lamp 30 in the emergency operation.